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PHOTO BY PATRICK GLEASON

Back row: Assistant Principal Clinton Shands, Coach Delton Fuller, Dallas Sava, Norma Thornhill, Gabrielle Coleman, Nylah Lee, Makayla Adams, Jasmine Johnson, Leah Mayo, Daja Claiborne, DainaJoy McFarlane, Principal Reginald McNeill. Front row: Trinity Workman, Nia Scott, Jasmine Tate, Ashia McCalla and Taylor McCormick.

## Lady Raiders Win Eighth State Title Behind McCalla's Efforts

by Patrick Gleason

The Eleanor Roosevelt Lady Raiders basketball team fought back from a halftime deficit to win the program's eighth state championship in 14 years, beating the defending champions, the Catonsville Comets, 60-56. Ashia

McCalla led the way, including two game-defining shots, as the Lady Raiders outworked the Comets in Saturday's championship victory.

The Lady Raiders entered halftime of the state champion-

ship game on March 10 down 30 to 28. McCalla pushed her team to a stronger-than-ever second half of play after the team's uncharacteristic first half of turn-

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## Council Considers Some ACE And School Safety Issues

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) each spring asks each elementary and middle school serving Greenbelt children, as well as Eleanor Roosevelt High School, to name an adult for an ACE Educator Award and two students for ACE Student

Awards. Traditionally the awards have been presented at two separate regular meetings of the council. Both events are usually quite crowded, with family members and teachers and administrators

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## GES Mosaic Mural Portrays Native Flowers and Wildlife

by Matthew Arbach

On Wednesday, February 28, fourth- and fifth-grade art class students at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) began gluing down tiles on a mosaic mural depicting native flowers and the animals that pollinate them such as butterflies and hummingbirds. Based on drawings by students, local artist Valerie Theberge drew the final design and laid out the outlines on a 10 by 21 foot mural made up of 14 cement panels. Students will spend the next four weeks in art class applying the small glass tiles after which Theberge and her team will put on the

finishing touches. Said Theberge, "It's a community mural more than a school mural. And it is inspired by the school and the community's commitment to the environment." On May 17, the

mural will be formally installed on the exterior of GES.

According to Zsolt Nagy, a visual artist teacher at GES,

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## ERHS Student Walkout Protests Gun Violence



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Eleanor Roosevelt High School students joined a national protest against gun violence on March 14, when an estimated half the school's 2,400 students walked out onto the football field. The protest was sanctioned by the school and heavily monitored by the police. Protest signs read "Who's Next?" and "Protect Kids, Not Guns." After 17 minutes, one minute for each death in the recent Florida shootings, they returned to the gymnasium for speeches. Students at Greenbelt Middle and Dora Kennedy French Immersion schools also walked out onto their school grounds.

### What Goes On

**Saturday, March 17**  
10 a.m. to noon, Forest Preserve Clean Up (See city ad for details.)

**Monday, March 19**  
8 p.m., Council Worksession, Sunnyside Bridge Replacement, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, March 21**  
8 p.m., Council Worksession, Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan, Community Center



PHOTO BY INGRID COWAN HASS

Fourth and fifth grade students work on the mural at Greenbelt Elementary School.



# Letters to the Editor

## Great Arts Writer!

I read the article that Melissa Sites wrote about Amanda Larsen and it was an excellent article. I was impressed with her ability to discuss the artwork both at a technical and conceptual level. Melissa is an excellent arts writer and I hope she continues to cover future art shows in the Greenbelt area. I am excited that Eleanor Roosevelt High School will be having an art show at the New Deal Café. The show opens on April 17 with a reception on April 22. It would be great if Melissa could cover our story.

Christine A. Wilkin  
Visual Arts Educator  
Eleanor Roosevelt  
High School

## Maglev Will Be Green

R.J. Jenkins’s letter of last week is an example of the hyperbole, falsehoods and erroneous claims (with a few ecological disaster scenarios thrown in for good measure) often hurled at the proposed SCMaglev project. Jenkins alleges that since electricity is not green energy, the proposed SCMaglev will not be green. His predetermined opinion seems based on Maryland’s past energy sources and standards. The SCMaglev is all about the future.

If one goes to Maryland Energy Administration (maryland.gov) one can find the latest state breakdown or percentages of the varied energy sources that contribute to Maryland’s energy needs. The latest figures (2016) show that fossil fuels (36 percent from coal; 15 percent from natural gas) produce half of our electricity needs. The other half is from renewables: nuclear power (39 percent) which is considered renewable (no carbon emissions) with the remaining 10 percent clean renewables: wind, solar, hydroelectric. Maryland is expected to achieve 20 percent clean renewables by the end of 2022. By comparison, it was only 5 percent in 2010. So we are trending in the right direction. Other mid-Atlantic and New England states are on similar trajectories.

This year’s session of our MD General Assembly has two bills before it which are expected to pass. The Clean Energy and Jobs Act aims to have Maryland achieve renewable energy of 50

percent by 2030, when the SC-Maglev will be into its 2nd or 3rd year of operation. Another bill, Clean Renewable Energy and Equity Act, requires Maryland’s electricity come from 100 percent renewable sources by 2035 (replacing fossil fuels: coal, gas, oil). Dr. Arjun Makhijani, president of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, when he recently testified before the assembly said, “We have the technical capabilities and resources to reach this goal.” He also stated, “it’s ambitious, but achievable.”

Greenbelt’s environmental groups (GCAN and CHEARS) support these clean energy initiatives. If Maryland achieves near 100 percent renewable energy sources, the SCMaglev, powered by electricity (and magnets) will indeed be green and sustainable. All aboard for green rail transportation!

Robert Snyder

## Journey’s Law

In reading about the various legislative bills being either supported or rejected by the Greenbelt City Council, there was one bill that was not even mentioned. That is Journey’s Law, HB 1414.

Journey Butler was the daughter of Brian Butler, who works at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, and Camille Butler, a teacher at the Greenbelt Middle School. Journey had the sickle cell trait (SCT), developed renal medullary carcinoma and died at 16 years of age.

HB 1414 is a bill introduced by Alonzo Washington and Anne Healey to get the state of Maryland to begin screening children diagnosed with SCT at age 5. This procedure is critical to avoid another unnecessary death of a child. If the tumor is identified early, the child has a chance of surviving. Most parents of children born with SCT are told that there is nothing to worry about. That is not true and the consequences can be devastating.

I do hope that our city council will also get behind this bill and push for its passing. The bill is currently in the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

Journey’s family traveled to Annapolis to testify on Tuesday,

March 13. Saving the lives of children with SCT is about bringing the whole village together and demanding that this bill gets passed.

Lois Rosado

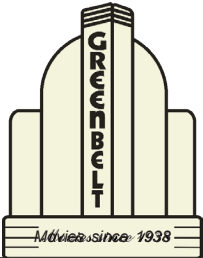


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Sun. 2:00 (OC), 5:00, 8:00 PM  
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Tues. 5:00, 8:00 PM  
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## The Old Curmudgeon



Just pitching in to help with Nor’easter clean up.

News Review, July 1, 1999

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## On Screen

## Black Imagination, Creation, Liberation

The hype, buzz and abundance of talent of Black Panther comes to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, March 16.

Created in 1966 by Marvel Comics with Stan Lee doing the script and Jack Kirby the art, Black Panther is set in Wakanda, an African Eden threatened by the aptly named Erik Killmonger (scene-stealing Michael B. Jordan) and defended by T’Challa, the brilliant Chadwick Boseman who recently channeled James Brown and Jackie Robinson in two biopics.

Black Panther is a mythic-sized treatment of father-son issues, African diaspora, colonialism and personal identity energized by a galaxy of black stars. Joining Jordan and Boseman are Forest Whitaker, Sterling Brown, Angela Bassett, Lupita Nyong’o, Andy Serkis and more.

With the crucial help of his phalanx of strong women supporters and a precious supply of the mystic source vibranium, T’Challa is apparently claiming his niche as a very different kind of black hero. One critic says that the movie’s “emphasis is on black imagination, creation and liberation.”

Director: Ryan Coogler

Running Time: 2 hours, 14 minutes

Rating: PG-13

- Jim Link



# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of March 19 are as follows:

Monday, March 19: Baked meatballs with marinara sauce, whole grain rotini, Capri vegetables, Italian bread, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Tuesday, March 20: Honey balsamic chicken thigh, mashed spiced yams, broccoli, wheat roll, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Wednesday, March 21: Pork roast, apricot mustard sauce, scalloped potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Thursday, March 22: Chicken breast with Creole sauce, lima beans, sliced carrots, wheat bread, tropical fruit, grape juice.

Friday, March 23: Stuffed salmon with dill sauce, corn, Brussels sprouts, wheat bread, applesauce, cranberry juice.



## Upcoming Events At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, March 17: What’s that Habitat? Meet a park ranger to learn and identify the basic needs for food, water and shelter for wildlife in the park. Appropriate for ages 6 to 8. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Friday, March 23: Farm Life in March Two Centuries Ago. What did farmers 200 years ago do in the busy spring thaw of March? Cider was the beverage of the month during Carnival and Lent. Doughnuts would be eaten as a treat for Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday before the fast of Ash Wednesday. Wood cutting (splitting) and seasoning were conducted in March. The farmer prepared for the spring thaw and planting. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

## Byrd Hosts Maglev Event At New Deal

On Friday, March 16 from noon to 2 p.m., Councilman Colin Byrd will host an event at the New Deal Café in which he invites residents opposed to the maglev to join him in making constituent calls to Congressman Hoyer’s office expressing that opposition.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, March 15, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Monday, March 19, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m. Legislative and Government Affairs Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m., Bicycle Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, March 22, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, March 23, Office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, March 26, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

## Star Party Planned For Saturday Evening

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, March 17, at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees may expect to see deep sky objects such as the Cigar Galaxy, the Orion Nebula, the Crab Nebula and more through our observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 8:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## New Deal Events

Sunday, March 18, 6 to 8 p.m., Fez Tones Hafla. Live Middle Eastern music and dance. Musicians will play exotic instruments such as qanun, oud, darbuka and riq. Amazing performances by the region’s best belly dancers. There will be open dancing between dance performances.

Monday, March 19, 7 to 9 p.m., Reel and Meal at the New Deal. Defending Utopia: The Greenbelt News Review at 80 tells the story of a courageous home town newspaper and the battles it fought on behalf of its citizens.

Tuesday, March 20, 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Krittr, classical guitar. 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rising Star Karaoke. State-of-the-art sound equipment and expansive song selections. Hosted by the dynamic Kelley Hildebrand.

Wednesday, March 21, 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Krittr, classical guitar. 7 to 9 p.m., Pub Quiz. Bring a team or form one on the spot. A dollar will be collected from each participant, which will be the prize for the winning team.

Thursday, March 22, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Songwriters’ Association of Washington (SAW) Open Mic with host Paige Powell.

Friday, March 23, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Music Makers Jam Session. Bring instruments, voice and passion for making music together in a casual/informal and supportive atmosphere. All ages and experiences welcome to participate. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Lunch with Bob. A celebration of American music from bluegrass to rockabilly, country to the blues.

Saturday, March 24, 1 to 5 p.m., Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Built 4 Comfort. With its soulful vocals, tasty guitar licks and a deep foundation in the blues, this band is known to add their own flavor to R&B and classic rock favorites.

## Writers Group Meets Friday, March 16

After a brief winter hiatus, the Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on Friday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. All writers are welcome. There will be open readings and planning for the year. For additional information, contact Barbara Ford at [barb.ford@comcast.net](mailto:barb.ford@comcast.net).

## Hospice Offers Grief Program

Community Hospices will be offering a gathering for informative, supportive and inspirational discussions on varied grief/loss topics on the final Tuesday of each month. The first presentation, Grief 101, will be held on March 27 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. For more information, contact Margaret Capurso at 301-560-6002 or [mcapurso@communityhospices.org](mailto:mcapurso@communityhospices.org).

## Free Talk: Make An Eco-Friendly Home

Frank Gervasi will give a talk on Sunday, March 18 at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road, featuring practical ideas on making homes and lives more environmentally friendly. Come and learn how to reduce consumption of non-renewables, lower carbon footprints and reduce waste. There will be a film clip shown, No Impact Man, about a Manhattan family who live for a year making virtually no waste. Gervasi, a longtime Greenbelt resident, has been doing home improvement and house construction for almost 40 years. The talk is sponsored by Concerned Greenbelt Women.

## Greenbelt CARES ESOL Class Meets

Want to speak better English? Try Greenbelt CARES free English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). The class meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

This friendly and fun class welcomes speakers of all other languages. Newcomers or long-time residents can improve their English with conversation, dialogs, grammar practice and friendly group support.



## Golden Agers Plan Anniversary Lunch

The Golden Age Club will have its annual anniversary luncheon on Wednesday, April 18 at the Holiday Inn on Route 1 next to IKEA. The luncheon is for club members and their guests only. Food selection is salmon or turkey; dessert is fruit plate or apple pie. Contact Joan Baker at 301-345-2917 for more information, cost and to make reservations and meal selections.

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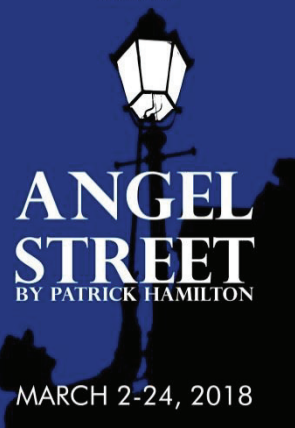
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### Reel and Meal Program At the New Deal

On Monday, March 19, Reel and Meal will feature *Defending Utopia: The Greenbelt News Review* at 80 by local filmmakers Susan and Frank Gervasi. The program will start at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café following an optional vegan buffet beginning at 6:30 p.m. The film is free, but there is a charge for the buffet.

In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal planners launched an extraordinary home-building experiment in the Washington, D.C., suburbs. Greenbelt was the most controversial of three suburban "green towns" designed to relieve Depression-era housing shortages. Residents were selected for their willingness to create a healthy, happy and harmonious community. Critics charged that the "utopian" green towns project was foolishly idealistic, wasted taxpayer dollars and that Greenbelt's many non-profit cooperatives were dangerously socialistic, if not communistic.

Since 1937, though, a volunteer-run weekly newspaper has defended a city Eleanor Roosevelt called "the first garden community in the land, planned for the uplift and unfolding of the human." And in a 1970 libel case before the Supreme Court, the *Greenbelt News Review* fought to protect for all newspapers the First Amendment freedoms critical to American democracy.

*Defending Utopia: The Greenbelt News Review* at 80 tells the story of a courageous home town newspaper and the battles it fought on behalf of its citizens. The March Reel and Meal program is presented by the Utopia Film Festival. For more information on this month's program contact Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 or [suzanbwild@gmail.com](mailto:suzanbwild@gmail.com) or Frank Gervasi at 301-474-7680.

Reel and Meal is sponsored by Utopia Film Festival, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition.

The Café is accessible from the Greenbelt Metro station by buses G12 and 14; visit the website for more information at [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com).



### Free Breast Cancer Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a breast cancer support group for women on Tuesday, March 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. on the 5th floor of the North Building. Join women who are newly diagnosed with or recovering from breast cancer.

Registration is required by calling 240-542-3034.



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ALL ARE WELCOME.

## Daniel Hamlin Is Honored By the Community Church

by Carol Griffith

On Sunday, March 4, members of Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, conferred on retired pastor Daniel Hamlin the honorific of pastor emeritus.

During the regular Sunday morning service, Karen Yoho and David Alexander, present and past moderators of the church respectively, led the ceremony. Each mentioned the way they came to the church originally: Yoho to find a place for a Girl Scout troop to meet, and Alexander to find a church like those he'd grown up in after first moving here. Both credited Rev. Hamlin for their decision to stay and grow in the Community Church, noting his many contributions and valued service to the rich and full life of the church.

Yoho and Alexander explained that the title of pastor emeritus carries no responsibility, but is simply a declaration to the community at large of the esteem in which Hamlin is held by the church. They noted that church members voted unanimously to approve of Alexander's idea to confer pastor emeritus status on Hamlin.

Surrounded by his family, Hamlin expressed his gratitude



Daniel Hamlin

PHOTO BY ANJIA HOLLAND

after receiving a plaque from current pastor Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, celebrating his 28 years of service to the church. He said he was "greatly humbled" to follow the accomplishments of Greenbelt, which he referenced as originally "low-income people living in federally subsidized housing," and noted that "the power of the spirit built and sustained the church through some difficult years and will continue to uphold the church."

Hamlin received a standing ovation and was warmly congratulated at a reception following the ceremony in the church hall.

### Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

### Easter Musical Fest On Friday, March 30

Restoration Center Church, located at 119 Centerway, invites the Greenbelt community to be a part of its Easter Musical Fest on Friday, March 30. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

The festival, hosted by pastors Abby and Emmanuel Daramola, provides an opportunity to celebrate Easter with high praise, intense worship, spoken word, dance and much more.



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Condolences to News Review staffer Deanna Dawson whose mother, Helen Dawson, died in Minnesota on March 12, one day before her 96th birthday.

Congratulations to Greenbelt resident Sally Davies who won 3rd Prize for her painting "Time Travel: The Armor Room at the MET, NYC" at the Laurel Art Guild National Juried Art Exhibit. The exhibit runs from March 9 to 31 in the Main Gallery at Montpelier Arts Center, Laurel. The Juror was Lois Wolford, NWS.

Congratulations to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Lady Raiders basketball team who won the state championship.

Congratulations to Daniel Hamlin who was named pastor emeritus at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ on Sunday, March 4.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



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Sally Davies poses with her 3rd prize entry.



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volunteer chaperones referred to as “watchers,” in addition to serving dinner and breakfast. Usually there is enough food for the men to leave with left-overs.

“It’s nice that people of the community prepare these really bountiful feasts,” said Safe Haven volunteer Lesley Kash.

There are about 15 men in the shelter at a time.

“We have been known to have a few more on bad nights,” said Voigt. “We don’t turn anybody away. A couple of times I’d have to say, ‘I’m sorry I don’t have any cots left, but I’ve got lots of blankets.’”

About one-third of the homeless men have already utilized Safe Haven’s resources in prior years.

“Sometimes you don’t see them for a couple of years and then maybe you do again, which leaves another 10 or so that are new to the program,” Voigt said.

There have been a few men in their 20s, but the majority are between 30 and 60 years old, according to Voigt. The men are also racially diverse.

Usually, a handful of the men are employed – either at restaurants or in skilled labor construction jobs.

“You realize how tough the economic situation we’re in is when people who are actually working don’t make enough to pay for housing in the area,” said Mary Ann Tretler, who has volunteered with Safe Haven as a watcher.

According to a report by the Maryland Alliance for the Poor, a worker in Prince George’s County needs to make \$28.04 per hour to afford fair market rent without spending more than 30 percent of his or her income. The county’s minimum wage is currently \$11.50 per hour.

Voigt noted that some of the men who work in construction during the warm months are out of the work in winter.

“It’s a sobering reminder of how our country seems to have turned its back on people through a whole bunch of poor decision making over the years,” said Hank Meyer, another Safe Haven volunteer. “As a result, there are a lot of people out on the fringe trying to get along. A lot of them are trying to hold down some kind of job, which is no small feat when you have no home to go back to.”

Greenbelt Community Church and Greenbelt Baptist Church both host Safe Haven each year. Voigt said two other Greenbelt churches used to host, but no longer do so.

“It takes a lot of commitment on the part of the congregations,” Voigt said. “Sometimes the congregations are too small or elderly to provide the resources to host the men for a week,” she added.

Mishkan Torah Synagogue in Greenbelt assists the Greenbelt Community Church on Christmas Eve and Day each year.

“My hope is that we don’t have anyone [at the shelter] on Christmas Day, but that’s never happened,” said Voigt. “I had probably more than half [of the men] this Christmas Day, which makes me sad. I would rather have nobody which means they’re all out, hopefully with family.”

The rest of the churches that host the shelter are within a 10-mile radius of Greenbelt, Voigt said.



Greenbelt Community Church is one of the local Greenbelt churches that hosts Safe Haven.

When a church’s hosting week is finished, Help By Phone transports the cots and the men’s belongings to the next church.

Safe Haven has the men sign agreements to follow rules to keep the shelter safe. For example, there is no alcohol, weapons or fighting.

“Safe Haven is known by the men for being quiet and regulated. If there are people we know that have been disruptive they don’t come in,” said Voigt.

Voigt and other coordinators have had to kick out men for drinking or being disruptive over the years.

“Most of the coordinators, they need to be very tough. We will do what we say we’re going to do, and yet we’re also pretty compassionate,” she said.

Kash noted the hard work that Voigt puts in to organizing Safe Haven. “She runs it like a well-oiled machine,” Kash said. “This past year she had a couple of no-shows at the last minute, and she did it [the volunteering] herself.”

Some of the men who come to Safe Haven clearly struggle with mental health issues. But, “none

of us are trained psychologists,” Voigt said. “We are not equipped to handle people who need help, and there are so many people out in the street who are in that situation.”

Voigt said that she would like to extend Safe Haven longer than 16 weeks, but it’s a matter of finding churches that are willing to make the commitment.

“It certainly is cold before the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Sometimes it can be pretty bad in late March here too,” she said.

Tretler would like to get her congregation, St. Hugh of Grenoble Church, to be a Safe Haven site. She has gotten to know several of the men at the shelter by volunteering as watcher over the last four years. “They’re very appreciative. It’s a very positive experience,” Tretler said.

To contribute to Safe Haven, Greenbelters can either contact participating churches to volunteer, or write a check to Help By Phone with Safe Haven in the memo.

*Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*



Daffodils are blooming in Greenbelt.

Legion Auxiliary Plays Host For Its National President

by Meredith Beeg



Diane Duscheck, national president of ALA, left, chats with (left to right) Councilmembers Leta Mach and Judith Davis and Mayor Emmett Jordan. Left, seated: Alta Glotfelty, ALA Department of Maryland president.

Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit 136 was excited to host the National President of the ALA, Diane Duscheck of Wisconsin at a banquet held on Saturday, March 3. The banquet was held in Hofberg Hall at Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. Attendees included a number of state and local officers of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, in addition to several political representatives.

Duscheck, a retired middle school science teacher, cited a proverb that says “society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they will never sit in.” This proverb emphasizes the need to encourage service to veterans and communities even though we may not see the end results. She described some of her travels, including a trip to the National POW/MIA Accounting Agency in Hawaii where scientists are trying to identify the remains of service members. Some go back as far

as the victims of the Pearl Harbor bombing. They are now able to use advanced DNA techniques for identification so it’s important that anyone having a direct ancestor missing in any military action provide a DNA sample.

Mayor Emmett Jordan, along with members of the council, honored Duscheck with a congratulatory letter. Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs George Owens presented a proclamation from Governor Larry Hogan while Senator Chris Van Hollen sent greetings via P.K. Usuru. The ceremonies ended with a vocal performance by Unit member Grace Dillon, a freshman fine arts major at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio. She sang a number of nostalgic show tunes with background music provided by DJ Bill Cornelius, who also provided dinner music during the reception and banquet. The program was well received by attendees, with Jordan quipping that Dillon should move to Greenbelt so he could be her agent.



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the impetus for the mural began two years ago when he was approached by parents with the idea of developing a legacy project at GES. They came up with the idea of a mural based on those they had seen at other schools. After a search for an artist who possessed expertise in murals and had the ability to teach these skills to children, GES chose Theberge for the job. Nagy convened several meetings last year to decide on the characteristics of the mural they wanted to represent the school and the community. He said that it had been a “long but important planning process to bring this project to life,” adding that “integrating the arts and sciences also promotes our green school initiative of promoting environmental education, appreciation and preservation.”

Six art classes were given a presentation last week by Theberge on the various aspects of murals. The theme Pollinators of Nature was chosen by the school and connects with GES’s science curriculum and arts integration focus, where the arts are used to enhance and expand other fields of interest or as Nagy puts it, “to promote lifelong and holistic learning.” The project was dubbed Greenbelt Elementary Springs to Life and funds were raised through grants from Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council, the Greenbelt Community Foundation and the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, as well as the PTA. A major proponent in making all this a reality is parent volunteer Ingrid Hass who was instrumental in garnering funds and volunteers, as well as acting as intermediary between the school and the county. Theberge said Hass had done a tremendous job and “really is the fire behind this.”

Concerning the project as a whole Nagy explained, “This scientific subject is expressed beautifully with the medium of a mosaic because mosaics are also like biology in that there are smaller parts that make up the whole. One of the reasons we chose Valerie Theberge as our resident artist is because her work is unique in that it combines abstract with reality through her depiction of cellular biology.”

The school will hold a volunteer community grouting of the mural surface on May 5. On June 1, Greenbelt Day Weekend, the school will dedicate the mural.



Students practice drawing flowers for the mural design.



Students cut tiles and glue them onto the floral design for the new mural.



Photos by Ingrid Cowan Hass



The 10 by 21 foot mural will be made up of 14 cement panels.

ERHS Takes Part in Program To Encourage Seat Belt Use

Members of the club Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) are leading Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) in the Making It Click campaign. ERHS is one of eight Maryland high schools participating in a new peer-led program to promote seat belt use by young drivers and passengers. Making It Click is a grant-funded program sponsored by the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) and State Farm Insurance Company.

Car crashes are the number one killer of teens in the United States. In 2016, more than one in three young drivers killed in crashes were unbelted.

Making It Click runs through May 31. Participating schools are required to complete observational seat belt surveys at the beginning and end of the program. With toolkits provided by the MHSO, students will compete against other schools to raise awareness of always buckling up. Students can create posters, videos, memes, flyers and other materials, sign pledge cards and share their ideas about illustrating seat belt use and highway safety in school and through social media. The MHSO will recognize the school with the largest increase in seat belt use at the end of the program.



Artists’ Studio Space Available Now at the Community Center

Greenbelt Recreation ARTS recently announced opportunities for local artists, artisans and designers who are interested in joining the creative community based at the Community Center. Applications are invited now through May 6 for the city’s Artist-in-Residence Program, which provides affordable 24-hour studio space in an atmosphere of mutual support and inspiration. New residencies will begin in July.

Participants are selected for the Artist-in-Residence Program based on their artwork, professional qualifications and interest in community involvement. This opportunity is open to artists aged 18 and up, including both residents and non-residents of Greenbelt. Eight artists in residence are currently participating, sharing three sub-divided, light-filled former classrooms. Current artists represent a diverse array of media including ceramic art tile, functional pottery, art quilts, costume design, assemblage, painting

and sculpture. Artists should schedule a studio tour and then apply online at [greenbeltnmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/arts). For assistance or more information, email Nicole DeWald at [ndewald@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltnmd.gov) or call 301-397-2208.

Botanic Garden Shows Ink Drawings

Artists all over the world take an annual challenge to create one ink drawing each day during the month of October. Diana Marques chose to work at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory, drawing plants using prompts offered by the creator of the challenge, Jake Parker. Join Marques as she describes her daily adventures at the USBG this past October, and view her dynamic and creative works of plants on Friday, March 23 from noon to 1 p.m. Note that while this program is free, pre-registration is required.

A colorful graphic for an Easter Egg Hunt. It features a large, decorated Easter egg with various patterns like hearts, flowers, and stripes. A butterfly is perched on the egg. The text "EASTER EGG HUNT" is written in large, stylized letters across the middle. Below it, the location and date are listed: "RIVERS OF LIFE A.M.E. CHURCH", "Rev. Kendra Smith, Pastor", "FREE FOOD, GAMES, CRAFTS & PRIZES", "6060 Springhill Dr., Greenbelt, MD 20770", and "SUNDAY, APRIL 1st 10AM".

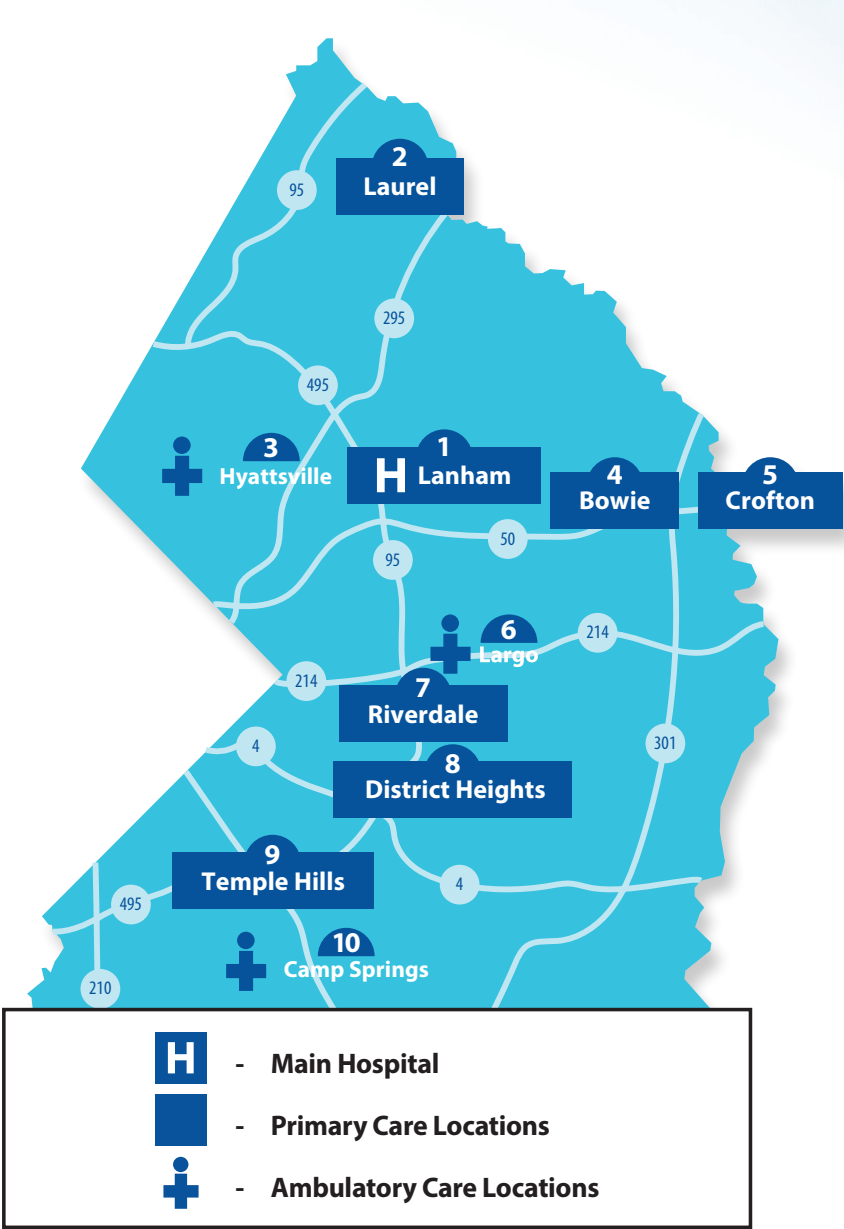




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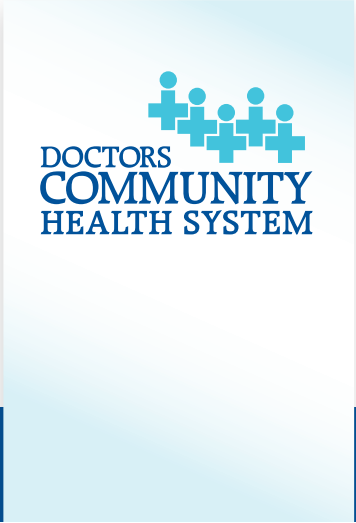
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An Analysis

# Musk Company Seeks Permits For Dreams Yet to Come True

by James Giese

In the February 17 issue of the Washington Post, Michael Laris and Jonathan O’Connell reported that the Boring Company obtained “an early and vague building permit” that allows some preparatory and excavation work at a parking lot at 53 New York Avenue N.E., near the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives building in the rapidly developing NoMa sector of the District of Columbia. Boring seeks to build tunnels between the District and Baltimore for a Hyperloop transportation system proposed by Tesla car builder and Space X Founder and CEO Elon Musk. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser’s chief of staff, John Falcicchio, indicated the city was “just beginning its conversation” to determine what permits would be required for the tunnel to be built in the District.

Earlier, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan gave Boring a utility permit to tunnel under the state-maintained segment of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The article says that more permits are needed and no work has been done.

The article also reports that Musk has received the backing of the White House Office of American Innovation led by Jared Kushner.

No details have been released as to the specific route to be taken by the Hyperloop except to say in general it will follow the route of the Parkway, which means it might tunnel through Greenbelt.

**Fifth Mode**

Musk calls the Hyperloop the fifth mode of transportation developed by mankind; the others being trains and cars (wheels), boats (water), airplanes (air) and rockets (propulsion in space), although the latter has been little used as a transportation mode. However, as proposed by Musk, the Hyperloop is also a form of air travel. He likens it to a cross between a Concorde aircraft, a rail gun and an air hockey table. Inside a tube, a giant fan in a capsule creates a vacuum to drive the capsule forward and expels the air underneath to provide lift so that the capsule floats, eliminating the drag resistance of wheels.

Perhaps the maglev (magnetic levitation) concept has better claim as the fifth form of transportation, since it is driven and lifted by electromagnetic forces. TransPod Inc., a Canadian Company, raised \$15 million last year to develop a capsule utilizing magnetic levitation for lift in a vacuum tube instead of air, according to the Wikipedia article on Hyperloop train.

Transportation in a vacuum tube is not a new concept. According to Wikipedia, the first patent for a pneumatic tube was in England in 1812 made to a George Medhurst. For 10 years, the Dalking Atmospheric Railway operated a passenger carrier near Dublin beginning in 1844, according to the Wikipedia article. Noted space scientist Robert Goddard conceived a vac-train that would operate in much the same way as the Hyperloop. Musk first mentioned his interest

in this idea in 2012, according to Wikipedia.

**Hyperloop**

Musk has used competitions, tasking of engineering students and outsourcing to other companies to encourage development of the Hyperloop. His Space X company has built test tracks in Hawthorne, Calif., the latest a mile long. It will be used for testing capsule designs devised by competing groups. To date, there is no specific design for a Hyperloop train.

Nor has the Boring Company ever built a tunnel. According to its website (boringcompany.com), it is working on reducing the cost of tunnel-making to make it a more cost-effective construction technique. Tunneling costs will be reduced by three-quarters to four-fifths by reducing tunnel size from the standard 28 feet to 14 feet, it claims. It proposes to build a tunnel boring machine that will triple the output of current ones by using a more efficient cooling mechanism, by developing a process for continuous output, using automation, using electricity instead of gasoline or diesel fuel and by advanced research and development of tunneling.

An interesting concept is to not haul the diggings away to a landfill, but make bricks onsite out of the dirt mined, using the bricks made to build the tunnel walls and thereby avoiding the use of concrete, which Space X claims to be environmentally detrimental.

The company claims that tunnels can cross over each other at arbitrary angles. Also, tunnels are much less subject to damage from earthquakes than are surface structures; the company cited several major earthquakes in which subway tunnels were left intact. It also claims that tunnel construction more than 28 feet below the surface does not produce noticeable surface noise or vibration.

**A Dream**

Picture yourself stepping out of your Washington office into a waiting, automatically-operated pod that might seat up to 16 people (fewer if you go first class or take the lounge car). The pod conveys you to the Hyperloop station where an elevator takes you and the pod down to tunnel depth (or alternately up to a plastic tube supported by trestles). At the station will be numerous pod loading platforms, much like the gates at airports, only closer together and more numerous (depending on station size). Stations will be able to handle tens of thousands of people.

Four pods will be loaded in a capsule. The capsule will then be sealed and shunted into a vacuum tube and whoosh – off to New York City. Presumably there will be visual displays and access to telephone, Wi-Fi and television to distract passengers from the fact that the capsule has no windows. The capsule arrives in New York in an hour and the pods are unloaded from the capsule and brought to the surface to drive passengers to their destinations.

While all this may be possible

(or maybe not), it hasn’t been done yet. It is still a glimmer in Musk’s eyes. By comparison, TNEM’s SCMaglev proposal to run from the District to Baltimore is based upon established tested technology.

**Criticism**

Much of the criticisms of SC-Maglev has been applied to the Hyperloop as well. The ones most likely to prevent Hyperloop from ever happening are that construction will be too costly to offset revenue earnings and it will be too difficult to obtain rights-of-way.

Officials of both companies have not offered any information on how they will acquire easements or rights-of-way.

## New NAMI Group Meets in Bowie

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), parents and caregivers of children and teens with emotional and behavioral health needs, will meet on Tuesday, March 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Bowie Library, Conference Room, 15301 Hall Road, Bowie. This is a move from the Largo Kettering Library.

## Annexation Fix Finished; City Budget Recognized

by Kathleen Gallagher

Something of an oddity on the agenda for the February 26 Greenbelt City Council meeting was a public hearing followed by the introduction for second reading and adoption of a resolution to revise the City Charter to reflect the annexation of land. Although annexing land and revising the City Charter are always significant matters, in this instance they are more on the order of necessary housekeeping. Because of a small error in the calculations on the original Greenbelt Station South Core annexation, NVR MS Cavalier Greenbelt LLC presented a petition to the city to annex approximately 0.131 acres that should have been included in the original annexation.

The land is adjacent to the South Core development, located to the east of Indian Creek, and is also adjacent to the Concrete Ready-Mix property. Fortunately the error was not the city’s, and although ushering the matter through took some time for the city’s planning staff to evaluate, there was no other cost to the city for the recalculations and other work required to correct the error.

The city council was briefed on the discovery of the errors at a worksession on July 12 of last year. The resolution was

introduced for first reading at the January 22 council meeting. As expected, the annexation resolution was adopted unanimously. The resolution will be effective on April 7 unless a proper petition to take the matter to referendum is submitted prior to that date.

Michael German, representing NVR MS Cavalier Greenbelt LLC, commented on how the error had occurred.

“A nine was written as a five,” he said, “and here we are three years later!”

**Distinguished Budget**

A presentation earlier in the evening marked what has become a very long-term annual event in Greenbelt: the award of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation to the city for its Fiscal Year 2018 budget document. The award, which was presented by Mayor Emmett Jordan to City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams, recognizes the many functions of the budget document as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication device. Williams thanked the staff of his own office, as well as City Manager Nicole Ard and her staff for their work and contributions. Upon being asked, he ventured that the city had received the award for at least 30 years.

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overs and a rebounding deficit created the need for a comeback.

With three seconds remaining in the first half, McCalla had faded to her right and fought through two defenders before banking in a shot and knocking down the ensuing free throw to narrow the deficit to a single basket. In the second half, only McCalla could top her first-half theatrics. As the shot clock dwindled on a third quarter possession, McCalla faded, this time to her left – and once again draped – and drained a fade-away three-pointer, falling to her back in the process. And of course it was McCalla who sealed the Lady Raiders’ state championship, this time in much less dramatic manner, sinking two free throws with just under 10 seconds remaining. In a frenetic, back-and-forth game with Catonsville, it was McCalla who answered every Comet run, finishing with 29 points, her two highlight-worthy shots and an even more memorable outcome.

Roosevelt endured a first half of uncharacteristic turnovers, a rebounding deficit and the hot

shooting of Catonsville senior Jameila Barrett. The Comets’ considerable length bothered Roosevelt, but with McCalla’s circus shot to end the half, the Lady Raiders had weathered their toughest opponent to date – even in the state semi-final two days earlier, Roosevelt was never seriously threatened as they glided to a 64-51 victory over the North Point Eagles.

Though Catonsville senior Jasmine Dickey asserted herself in the second half, McCalla always answered, while the Lady Raiders’ supporting cast helped push their lead to as many as eight points. Coach Delton Fuller employed sophomore Nylah Lee to harass Dickey, while junior Taylor McCormick added a momentum-boosting three pointer. Juniors Trinity Workman and Makayla Adams also hit shots at opportune moments for Roosevelt, as the Comets did not go gently. Aside from McCalla, no one was as instrumental in the Lady Raider victory as senior classmate Nia Scott who allowed Roosevelt to pull even on the

boards. Then she also ensured her team maintained composure as the Comets employed a full court press in a last-ditch comeback. After Dickey knocked down a jumper to make it a two-point game, McCalla stepped to the line for the two free throws that sealed the win. With no more theatrics necessary, McCalla only had one task left – join her euphoric teammates at center court for something even more memorable than her highlight reel performance: a state championship.

*Patrick Gleason is an English teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.*

## Refuge Has Program On Birds of Prey

On Saturdays, March 17 and March 31 from 1 to 2 p.m. meet two of North America’s smallest birds of prey: the American kestrel and eastern screech owl. This program is for all ages and no registration is necessary.

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Greenbelt History in Photos

The Men Who Built a Town

by James Giese



Making cinder block for use on the Greenbelt Project, Maryland, in July 1936

This machinery might have been housed within one of the large metal sheds erected for the project and located approximately where the school, now Community Center, was to be built. The sheds were later moved to Southway and one was used to warehouse, rent and sell specially crafted furniture suitable for Greenbelt houses. Later the sheds were moved next to the sewage treatment plant, now State Highway District Engineer offices, and used by the city to house Public Works equipment.



Mason laying cinder block, August 1936 -- unlike the brick homes, the cinder block homes lack wood framing except at windows and doors.



Electricians laying conduit

Photos by Carl Mydans,  
Library of Congress



Worker leveling cement floor, Greenbelt in August 1936



Plumber cutting pipe at a brick home, August 1936



Surveyor at Greenbelt, working in the model community planned by the Suburban Division of the United States Resettlement Administration. July, 1936



Workmen unloading tile pipe, Greenbelt, August 1936



Carpenter at Greenbelt in August 1936



# Council Takes Step Toward Solar for Rec Center Roof

by Kathleen Gallagher

At its February 12 meeting, council introduced for first reading a resolution to authorize the purchase of a design/build grid-tied photovoltaic system at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC) at a cost of \$80,200. At the February 26 council meeting, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

As a member of the Smart Energy Communities program, Greenbelt has pledged to work toward a goal of providing 20 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2022.

City Public Works staff, together with the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and its Solar Task Force, have for some time been working toward bringing solar power to both the SHLRC and the Public Works building. The city has now received a grant of \$58,500 from the Maryland Energy Administration, which would be used for one of the roof components of the SHLRC, and staff has recommended funding the other roof segment from the capital project

monies. The work is expected to be completed by mid-summer.

Last November the city issued a request for proposal to undertake the work at SHLRC. Of the four vendors responding, staff recommended accepting the lowest bid at \$80,200, from SG Inc.

Steven Skolnik, chair of the Solar Task Force of GreenACES, spoke of the project with enthusiasm, predicting that the funding from the capital projects account would be repaid by savings within four years.

## Co-op Festival

Councilmember Leta Mach had relayed to council earlier that the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance had asked that the city consider partnering with them for the National Cooperative Business Association's Co-op Festival on the Mall on October 6 and 7. Council agreed to pay the registration fee. The Alliance will provide staffing for the event.



Hellebores, otherwise known as Lenten Rose, are among the spring flowers currently blooming in Greenbelt.

PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

# College Park Awards \$7,500 Grant to GMS

Greenbelt Middle School was awarded a \$7,500 grant by the City of College Park as part of their annual grant program. Principal Daria Valentine was in attendance on February 27 to accept her school's award at the presentation ceremonies.

Since 2008, neighborhood public schools have submitted applications to the City of College Park for funding of a school project or program that fulfills an educational need and supports the academic achievement of its students. The College Park Education Advisory Committee reviews the applications and makes a recommendation to College Park's city council, which then awards the grants. Schools with a significant number of College Park students are eligible for a \$7,500 grant even if the school is not itself physically located within the city.

# Women in Jazz Panel at Montpelier

On Sunday, March 18 from 2 to 4 p.m., Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel will celebrate Women's History Month by turning the spotlight on women in jazz with a free program entitled Building Community from 2 to 4 p.m. The event falls on the last day of the Washington Women in Jazz Festival.

The program features a panel discussion moderated by radio station WPFW's Katea Stitt. Professional musicians, community leaders, teachers, parents, students and jazz fans will have an opportunity to look behind the scenes to see how festivals and concert series have been mounted by leading female artists. They will get a realistic look at some of the challenges those women faced in developing successful community-backed events.



# Botanic Garden Examines Orchids

A lecture, the Rainbow of Slipper and Vanilla Orchids, will be held in the Conservatory Classroom of the U. S. Botanic Garden on Saturday, March 17 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Learn about the exotic slipper orchids of Asia, Europe and the New World, and about the one orchid that humans eat: vanilla.

Although this event is free, pre-registration is required.

# Walking Tour Fascinates German Embassy Guests

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill



PHOTO BY SHEILA MAFFAY-TUTHILL

German visitors enjoy the Greenbelt Museum tour despite frigid weather. They pose on the steps of the Community Center.

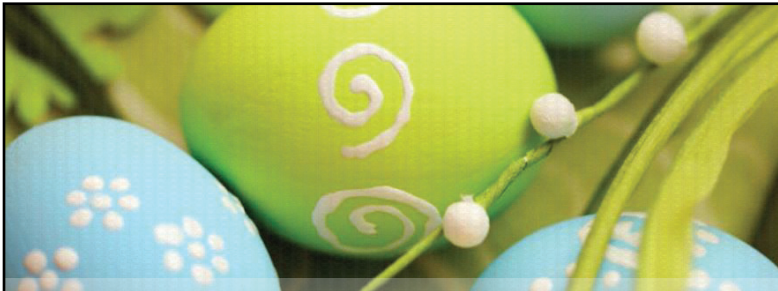
The Greenbelt Museum has been very busy with walking tours, despite the cold weather. This week, a group from the German Embassy traveled here for an in-depth look at the architecture and the planning history that makes our past unique and interesting. The group asked great and well-informed questions and made note of the similarity between our buildings and some of those built in the same era in Germany.

Though the group's major focus was architecture, many had questions about the social history and selection process employed at Greenbelt's beginning. They

also asked about the changes that have occurred over the past 80 years and about issues including our current diversity, transportation challenges, school quality and more.

The Museum is anxious to share its history with visiting groups from near and far, and currently has informational brochures in English, Japanese and Chinese. Education and Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, who conducts most of the special tours, is also developing brochures in German, French and Spanish. With more languages to follow, the Greenbelt Museum is truly an international destination.

# Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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# Sir Walter Raleigh Inn Closes After 47 Years In Business

by Matt Neufeld

The much-loved Sir Walter Raleigh Inn on Greenbelt Road has closed after 47 years in business. Balkonic Restaurant Group LLC has submitted plans to county officials to open an African and American cuisine restaurant at the Inn's longtime location.

The Sir Walter Raleigh Inn, known for decades for its classic American-style, family-style menu and its comforting colonial décor, officially closed last September, according to Chander Chosla, the property manager for the restaurant site. The closure occurred just weeks after the death of the restaurant's owner, the popular, colorful Gerald "Jerry" Cosker.

Surviving Cosker family members chose not to continue to run the restaurant, Chosla said. Cosker was the heart and soul of the restaurant and of the chain of six or seven Sir Walter Raleighs across Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. He started working as a waiter at the Sir Walter Raleigh's Bethesda location while he was working on his master's degree at Catholic University. "After a short time working at the restaurant, he realized he had found one of his true passions and began a life-long career in the restaurant and hospitality industry," according to Cosker's obituary. "His 47-year career with the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn found him involved in the operations of all of the Raleigh Inn restaurants in the Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia areas, eventually seeing him become the owner of the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn of College Park where he could almost always be found welcoming customers with a smile and a story. His coworkers all became friends, and their workplace was more like a family than a business. He leaves an extended 'work-family' behind."

Through the years varying factors – development, competition, changing tastes, changing fortunes, changing demographics – whittled away at the Raleigh Inn chain and all of the locations eventually closed, except, of course, the Greenbelt Road flagship location.

Several prominent citizens mourned the death of Cosker. "I was definitely saddened to hear of the death of the owner, first," said Cheryl Jewitt, the mayor of Berwyn Heights, which could

claim the Raleigh Inn as its own, since the restaurant was technically within the incorporated town's borders. "I was also saddened to hear of the closure of the restaurant. It was something that many residents looked forward to [attending] – it was a major staple of our community. They hosted wedding events, many political organizations hosted events there."

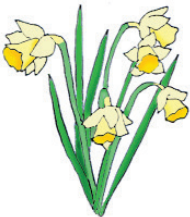
"It's very sad. The restaurant was an institution in the area," said Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan. "So many folks commented that it had the best salad bar in the area."

"I'm sad to see it go," said College Park Mayor Patrick Wojahn. "It was a real community institution. It will be missed. It was one of the places I liked to take my parents to when they were in town."

"I had the occasion, with a couple of groups, to eat there several times," said Prince George's County Councilmember Todd Turner. "Any time you have one of these small businesses in the county, providing services – it's a tradition." Turner also observed that "When that's no longer there . . . it has an impact, [like] losing a loved one. It's always a loss to the community."

However, restaurant memories like those enjoyed at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn could be fading from culinary scenes not just in the Greenbelt area but nationwide, due to rapidly-changing tastes and the shifting demographics of restaurant-goers, said Jordan.

"Perhaps it's a sign of the times, changing tastes," he mused. "It'd be nice to have a white-tablecloth restaurant in the area, a place to go to on Mother's Day" and other holidays. "We do have good restaurants in the area, but when it comes to a restaurant you go to on Father's Day or Easter, we don't have that type of white-tablecloth restaurant – a family-owned [white-tablecloth] restaurant."



# New Invasive Insect May Arrive Soon in Maryland

by Jason Martin



PHOTO BY LAWRENCE BARRINGER

Spotted lanternfly

A newly discovered invasive insect is expected to appear in Maryland soon. An article in the Bay Journal, titled "Invasive spotted lanternfly threatens Chesapeake's crops, hardwoods," describes the spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*), which is thought to have arrived in Pennsylvania three years ago as egg masses on a shipment of stone from China. Since its arrival the spotted lanternfly (actually a planthopper that jumps more than it flies) has caused significant damage to crops in Pennsylvania such as apples, peaches and grapes. This insect also feeds on native trees like maples, walnuts and pines. Fred Strathmeyer, a deputy secretary at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, is quoted in the article, "We are 100 percent certain that they will be in Maryland, probably by spring."

The spotted lanternfly lays its egg masses, which look like brown-gray mud spots, on light-colored tree trunks or stone in fall. The lanternfly feeds on the phloem tissue of trees. The phloem tissue transports sugar and other nutrients throughout the tree. While feeding, the lanternfly secretes a sticky substance called honeydew. If enough spotted lanternflies gather on a tree their honeydew can become harmful by sticking to the tree leaves and growing sooty mold. Sooty mold is a black mold that can block sunlight from reaching the tree leaves and interfere with photosynthesis. This weakens the tree and makes it prone to further invasion by wood-boring insects and other pests.

Researchers at Kutztown University have shown that the spotted lanternfly cannot produce viable eggs unless it feeds on the invasive plant tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), which is also from China. Tree of heaven was introduced to the United States by a Pennsylvania gardener in 1748 and has become invasive in 30 states including Hawaii. It grows rapidly, produces an abundance of seeds, grows well in disturbed areas and is allelopathic, producing herbicidal chemicals that inhibit the growth of other plants nearby.

Prevention is the easiest way to limit any negative effects this insect might have on our area. The horticulture team at the Department of Public Works is actively managing any tree of heaven populations they find, and Greenbelt citizens can help by being on the lookout for the spotted lanternfly. If you see the insect, contact University of Maryland Extension (extension.umd.edu).

The University of Maryland Extension has an online form on its website for that state's residents to report sightings and submit photographs: extension.umd.edu/learn/ask-gardening.

Jason Martin is the city's new environmental coordinator.



# City Notes

Greenbelt Recreation Department staff toured Greenbelt with new hire LaToya Fisher, Community Center coordinator.

Youth Center staff reports ongoing planning for 2018 Spring Camps and promotion flyers will be distributed in area schools next week. Camp staff positions are posted and applications are now being accepted. Annual park ranger training and orientation takes place Saturday, March 17.

A Community Art Drop-In was held on Sunday, March 4; about 50 participants made fabric projects with artist-in-residence Gina Denn. Greenbelt Pottery Group held a Show Me Sunday workshop on sculpting birds by artist Asli Askit.

With Therapeutic Recreation staff, 28 seniors went on Globe-trotting trips: 18 went to Toby's Dinner Theatre to see Young Frankenstein, and 10 went shopping at Annapolis Mall.

Animal Control staff reports that one dog running loose was found and returned to its owner. Three cruelty cases were investigated and three carcasses removed from roads. One dog was impounded, one cat was surrendered by owner and two cats were adopted.

Building Maintenance crews constructed and installed a new steam table in the kitchen at the Community Center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews updated the Public Works webpage. Crews collected 24.02 tons of refuse and 12.50 tons of recyclables.

# Camera Basics

On Saturday, March 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the Patuxent Research Refuge is offering a class on camera basics for ages 16 and older. The auto function on cameras is often helpful, but usually another setting will get a better image. This is a beginner workshop for people using DSLR cameras and is limited to five people.

Public programs at the refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.



# Beaver in the Forebay



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Beaver in the forebay at the Lake in January



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Assault**  
March 5, 7:40 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Two men and a woman approached a man as he walked into an apartment building. One of them pushed him to the ground and then they fled on foot. The man refused treatment for a minor injury.

March 7, 8:43 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Two people were approached by an acquaintance and another person at approximately 4 p.m. in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, where a verbal confrontation ensued. The person with the acquaintance attempted to fight one of the other two people, but all parties separated and left the area. Later that evening, the two people who had initially been approached were on the balcony of a residence in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive when they observed the two people who had approached them earlier, who now had two additional people with them. These four people wanted to fight but the two people went inside. The four people attempted to gain entry to the residence but were unsuccessful. One of the group of four then fired several shots towards the balcony. No one was injured and the group of four fled on foot. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft**  
March 2, 11:45 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A purse was taken from a back room at Dollar Tree.

March 3, 7800 block Jacobs Drive. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

March 4, 7 a.m., 100 block Centerway. Food delivered to the New Deal Café was taken.

March 7, 7 p.m., 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway. An attempt was made to steal a secured bicycle in a parking garage, damaging it in the process. The attached saddle bag was taken.

**Fraud**  
March 6, 3:32 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A woman responded to an online job offer on February 27 and shortly thereafter received a phone call from a person who told her she had been hired. She then received a check in the mail with instructions to deposit it in her bank account, withdraw cash and then wire it to another account. She later discovered the check was fraudulent and was told she is responsible for the missing funds.

**Trespass**  
March 1, 4:20 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 31-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Franklin Park Apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Burglary**  
March 2, 9 a.m., 7300 block Sunrise Court. An attempt was made to enter a residence by breaking the basement storm door and trying to pry open the basement door. Entry was not gained.

**Vandalism**  
March 7, 2:06 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A bedroom window of a residence was shattered when a rock was thrown through it.

**Vehicle Crime**  
In a three-for-one recovery, a 2017 International truck reported stolen to Prince George's County police was located March 1 in the 7400 block Greenway Center Drive. Two other vehicles were inside it, a 2012 Toyota Camry, also reported stolen to Prince's County police, and a 2008 Mercedes LS63, reported stolen to D.C. Metropolitan police.

Two vehicles were stolen. A 2014 Toyota Camry stolen on March 2 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace was recovered the next day in the 9100 block Edmonston Road. Money and a pair of glasses were missing. A grey 4-door 2007 Cadillac CTS was stolen March 6 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Two thefts from vehicles were reported. Rear tags were taken from two vehicles, D.C. FS4176 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road and Md. 3CV9471 from 14 Court Crescent Road.

There were four reports of windows having been broken out, one each in the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway and 40 Court Crescent Road, and two in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

A verbal altercation March 1 in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road ended in vandalism when two women attempted to leave the parking lot of Greenway Center. The woman driving a Dodge Charger got out of her car and kicked the other woman's car, which damaged it. She then drove away.

**Learn How Law Enforcement Works**  
Registration for the spring session of the Greenbelt Citizens Police Academy is now open. Class 18-01 will begin on Tuesday, April 3 and continue each Tuesday through May 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. This free nine-week program is an opportunity for those who live, work or attend school in Greenbelt to gain a better understanding of how a law enforcement agency works. It consists of both classroom and hands-on instruction covering a wide variety of police functions. Classes will be held at the Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. The number of attendees is limited to 12. More information, including criteria for selection, can be obtained at [gpd-citizensacademy.com](http://gpd-citizensacademy.com) or by calling George Mathews, public information liaison, at 240-542-2116.

**Franklin Park Fatal Shooting**  
There was a fatal shooting on Saturday, March 10, in the area of Breezewood Court and Springhill Lane at approximately 8:24 p.m. Officers responded and found Greenbelt resident Gabriel Hernandez Dreke, 31, suffering from a gunshot wound. The officers performed CPR before he was transported to UM Prince George's Hospital Center where the victim was pronounced dead.  
There is no suspect information at this time, according to the Greenbelt Police, and the investigation is ongoing. Greenbelt Public Information Liaison George Mathews said that while "one homicide is one homicide too many," historically Greenbelt's homicide rate since 2008 is 1.3 homicides per year. Officers were called to the same block previously in the week.

**Send Us Photos!**  
The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. Send us no more than five photos at a time.

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from the school in attendance. Although the adult awards are manageable within the time frame of the meeting, ACE has recognized the logistical difficulties of containing the student awards in the council room and had submitted a report to council suggesting possibilities for changing the venue of the student awards.  
Melinda Brady, chair of ACE, summarized the suggestions for council at its February 26 meeting, including: holding the awards in conjunction with a Wednesday council worksession in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center; starting the award ceremony at 7 p.m. prior to a regular council meeting, in order to stagger the ACE audience and those coming for the council meeting; moving as many of the tables and extraneous objects out of the room as possible; and issuing tickets for the event to limit the size of the crowd. The last option was quickly eliminated since neither ACE nor council favored it.

Most councilmembers stressed that the decision belonged to ACE but indicated that they believed there was a benefit to holding the event in the council room and at a council meeting. Councilmember Judith Davis suggested, with Councilmember Leta Mach concurring, combining some of the ideas, such as moving extra furniture out of the room and starting the meeting at 7 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, she suggested, they could go straight to the awards. Councilmember Edward Putens suggested that ACE consider experimenting with different venues over the next couple of years. Councilmember Silke Pope suggested space at American Legion Post 136, and Mayor Emmett Jordan brought up the idea of using

### Destination Imagination



PHOTO BY INGRID COWAN HASS

**Front row from left: Aliya Ramirez-Skolnik, Nisaa Moran and Kai Waters. Back row from left: Ms. Wallace, Kira Moore, Christen Turner, Iris Gayken and Ms. Pommerehn. (Not pictured: Carly Konopasky.)**

On Saturday, March 3, seven students from Greenbelt Elementary competed in the Central Region Destination Imagination competition for Prince George's County. Destination Imagination is a STEM/Creative Processes club for students around the world. The Greenbelt Elementary Piercing Shrills (team name) earned 2nd place in the elementary level engineering challenge, Drop Zone. The students have been meeting

for the past few months to design a structure that can withstand weights being dropped on it from about a foot above. The students were also challenged to present their structure through an 8-minute skit that included a reason for the dramatic impact, costuming, and more. They will be moving on to the Maryland State Competition on April 7, at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

the auditorium in the Greenbelt Library. Brady was pleased with all the suggestions and said she would take them back to ACE for further discussion.  
**ERHS Grant Proposals**  
When ACE presented its recommendations for small grants from the city for projects in the schools, Councilmember Colin Byrd took exception to the decisions not to fund some of Eleanor Roosevelt High School's requests. He asked that this item be placed on the agenda. Byrd criticized council for accepting all of ACE's recommendations and asked that additional funding be found. Councilmembers explained the reasons for the decisions, as well as the role ACE has historically played in making these awards. Jon Gardner, a member and former chair of ACE, presented a substantial statement about the committee, defending the way in which it makes its decisions and conducts its works.

Byrd had asked for three additional items on the agenda. His motion that council write a letter to Governor Hogan asking that Hogan oppose the federal Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act passed on a 5 to 2 vote, with a condition provided by Mach that the letter also be addressed to the city's federal delegation. The law would require concealed carry permits to be accepted across the states. His second motion to council to write a letter to Maryland's U.S. Senators in support of the Fix NICS Act failed on a 3 to 4 vote.  
The third item was a request to discuss forming a policy on School Resource Officer action during school shootings and on tips received regarding potential school shootings. Based on discussion with Acting Police Chief Thomas Kemp, council will further review the city's procedures regarding officer actions should a situation comparable to a school shooting occur.

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3,168-Piece Puzzle Completed



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Greenbelter Marjorie Gray stands by the completed 3,168-piece puzzle in the Senior Game Room at the Community Center on Tuesday, March 16. Gray worked on the puzzle with help for over a month.

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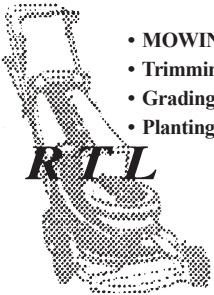


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# Volunteers Help Attick Park Co-exist with Local Beavers

by Jason Martin and Maryam El-Amin



Presidents Day volunteers at Buddy Attick Park helped remove English ivy, protect trees and co-exist with beavers.

- Photos by Jason Martin

On Monday, February 19, tree protection in Buddy Attick Park was the order of the day for Greenbelt’s Presidents Day of Service event. The Co-Existing with Beavers volunteer workday, jointly sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works and local environmental non-profit CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society), helped community members learn about beavers, English ivy and protecting trees from both as part of the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project.

Before getting to work, Public Works Environmental Coordinator Jason Martin educated the volunteers about beavers and their importance. Beavers are considered ecosystem engineers, meaning they directly change their environment. They build dams that block waterways and flood the surrounding area, creating wetlands. These wetlands increase the local biodiversity by providing a critical habitat for many different species of plants and animals that rely on them for food and shelter. Dam building and wetland creation are a normal part of any beaver-containing ecosystem, but the flooding poses a problem for municipalities like Greenbelt. Instead of trapping, relocating or euthanizing the beavers at Buddy Attick Park, the Department of Public Works has taken the approach of co-existing with the beavers by selectively caging trees around Greenbelt Lake.

Beavers are well-known for chewing on tree trunks for food and collecting wood for their dams and lodges. Tree caging



A volunteer removes ivy at Buddy Attick Park.

is a great method to discourage beavers from chewing and felling critical native trees in areas frequented by the public. On Presidents Day, large trees close to the walking trail around Greenbelt Lake were targeted for caging, while smaller trees were left uncaged. This prevents beavers from felling large trees, which can pose a public safety hazard, while leaving smaller trees for the beavers. This enables us to safely co-exist with the beavers at Buddy Attick Park.

Martin also instructed volunteers on identifying and removing the aggressive invasive vine English ivy. English ivy can out-compete native ground cover, harbor harmful plant pathogens and stress and eventually kill trees by overgrowing and shading their canopy. The extra stress placed on trees by English ivy can also make them more prone to pest infestation. All of these disrupt

the natural composition of our local forests. The establishment of English ivy and its ability to out-compete other plants also reduces biodiversity, or the amount of different species in an ecosystem. This reduces the forest’s capacity to bounce back after a disturbance, such as pest/disease outbreak or a windstorm that knocks down many large trees.

After learning the importance of their contribution, volunteers were ready to go outside and work. The group of 28 volunteers caged 64 trees, freed 27 trees of English ivy and removed 17 pounds of litter from Buddy Attick Park, for a total of 70 hours served.

Jason Martin is the city environmental coordinator and Maryam El-Amin is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.

# New Police Officer Sworn In

by Kathleen Gallagher

The February 26 meeting of the city council opened with what is always a feel-good event at a council meeting: the swearing in of Greenbelt’s newest police officer. Mayor Emmett Jordan administered the oath of office to Colin Giardini, followed by the applause of his family, friends and new coworkers.

According to Acting Chief of Police Thomas Kemp, who introduced Giardini to council, the new officer was set

to graduate from the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Academy on March 8. He was born and raised in Annapolis and is approaching his 30th birthday this year. Prior to joining the Greenbelt force, he worked for seven years for the Anne Arundel County Public School System at the Phoenix Academy, a school for children with emotional disabilities. He lives with his partner Norma Castaneda and her daughter Adrianna.



Council and family members beam as new police officer Colin Giardini is sworn in.

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

# Big Fish in the Lake



Stephen Gibson pulled this 26-inch, seven pound fish out of Greenbelt Lake on Sunday March 4. Gibson, who has been fishing in Greenbelt since 1991, said this is the largest he has ever caught.

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